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***From the Office of the Director of Health***

**Special Needs Shelter to Open**

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department and its partners are working to open a shelter at McDonald Arena on the MSU campus for people who need basic supportive care. No advanced medical care will be available at this shelter.

Individuals who are homebound, in wheelchairs, or need basic supportive care should call (417) 869-6040 to request a place at the shelter. Individual needs will be assessed by health department staff. Please do not report to the shelter until you speak with health department staff.

For those who are unable to get to the shelter on their own, transportation will be provided by MSU and Fisk Limousine.

Individuals who come to the shelter should bring their own bedding and personal care items. Food and other basic supplies will be provided.

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